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OpenDocument ratified by ISO
The OpenDocument file format (ODF) was ratified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). More...

Unipage - standards-based single-file web archive format
Unipage is a new spin on saving a complete web page in a single file that has all the referenced images and stylesheets and such like embedded in it. More...

PDF Forward Compatibility Issues
A couple of interesting articles on pdfzone.com highlight the perils of digital preservation. More...

Virtual Machine File Format Competition
Virtualization is the latest hot technology, and the main players are all trying to get their file formats to be the standard. More...

WhatIsThatFile.com
WhatIsThatFile.com is a new site to help identify files based on the name rather than the contents. More...

Battle Lines in the Document Format Wars
Both Microsoft and the OpenDocument camp are forming alliances to promote their respective formats. More...

Determining a character set
I recently had a couple files that were mostly US-ASCII but had a few strange bytes in them. To help figure out what characters they should be, I made an online utility to reverse map from bytes to character sets.

Tags vs. Categories
After reading a very interesting post from Ari Paparo on the differences between Blink.com and Del.icio.us, as well as my own experience with adding information, I decided to switch from complicated hierarchical categories to flat tags. More...

Sun to offer online conversion of MSWord to OpenDocument
Sun announced an online service to

Image Conversions
Common - convert between standard image types

SVG to raster - convert vector SVG images to PNG, JPEG or TIFF images.

Identify - detailed information about an image

Metadata - view metadata for standard image types

Text Conversions
CharSet - character set (aka Code Page) conversion

UTF - change UTF encoding

unix2dos - Unix to Windows/MS-DOS text files

dos2unix - Windows/MS-DOS to Unix text files

More text conversions...

Document Conversions
PDF to Text - extract text from an Adobe Acrobat PDF file

PowerPoint to Flash - convert from Microsoft PowerPoint (.PPT) to Flash (.SWF)

Online Tools
HexDump - view contents of a binary file

Strings - find text in a binary file

RegEx - regular expression tester

Hash - calculate hash functions

IPLocation - geographic location from IP address

Label - label and envelope printing

More tools...

convert files from MSOffice/MSWord's proprietary formats to the new OpenDocument format. This is actually from November 2006 and I haven't seen anything else about it. It sounds like it is primarily to promote their new grid computing initiative and that there may be a cost associated with it. I am working on a similar service, which will be free (at least for smaller files). Via [Richard MacManus](#).

Grant for the Global Digital Format Registry
The Harvard University Library got a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to make a Global Digital Format Registry. [More...](#)

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